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Examiner : Ramirez, R. O.
Docket No. : 705397.4009

REMARKS

In the office action the examiner objected to the numbering of claims 20-27 and renumbered same 19-26. That renumbering is reflected in the foregoing amendments to the claims.

The examiner also rejected claim 9 and 22 under 35 USC 112, second paragraphs, for a lack of antecedent basis for "the base of the nose." The foregoing amendments to claims 9 and 22 provide proper antecedent basis for the "base of the nose."

The examiner also rejected claims 1-8, 10-11 and 13-26 under 35 USC §§ 102 and 103, but noted claims 9 and 22 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC § 112 and to include all the limitations of the base and intervening claims. Without acquiescing to the examiner's rejections under 35 USC §§ 102 and 103, applicant has rewritten claims 9 and 22 in independent form including all the limitations of the base and intervening claims and correct antecedent basis to move this case to allowance.

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CONCLUSION

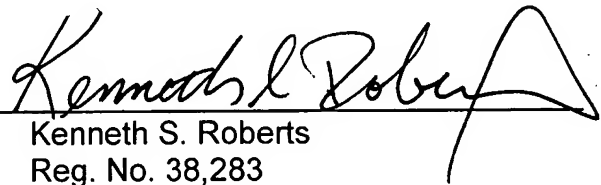
In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 2-6, 9-13, 16-19 and 22-26, are in condition for allowance. Should minor matter remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (949) 567-6700.

Respectfully submitted,

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